

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An intracardiac pumping device for percutaneous insertion, comprising a pump connected at the proximal end with a catheter and at the suction-side distal end with a canula having inlet openings remote from the pump, characterized in that a flexible projection is provided at the canula distal of the inlet openings.
2. (Original) The pumping device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projection is a non-sucking projection.
3. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of claim 1, ~~or 2~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projection is a hollow hose whose lumen is in communication with that of the canula.
4. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of ~~one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flexible projection has a pigtail tip.
5. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of ~~one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inlet openings are provided in an expansible suction basket including an inflow funnel.
6. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of ~~one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projection has an outer diameter that is smaller than that of the canula.
7. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of ~~one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the canula has a preformed bend.

8. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of ~~one of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a guide wire is provided that leads through the pump and is adapted to be advanced from the canula into the hollow projection.

9. (Currently Amended) The pumping device of ~~one of claims 1-8~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projection has lateral auxiliary openings.